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REPLY TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final rejection mailed July 16, 2002, reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for "automatically adjusting a brightness for the display based upon the indicator." The indicator is defined in claim 1 as being determined "based upon the integration time." Thus, the idea here is that the integration time may be utilized as an indicator to determine display brightness.

Neither of the cited references, nor their combination, teaches this feature. While the Examiner contends that one of the cited references does some type of integration, it does it in connection with capturing an image, not for determining the brightness of the display.

Even if that information could conceivably be converted using some type of technique to a format suitable for controlling display brightness, neither of the cited

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